

**Commission on Aging
Executive Committee Meeting
April 21,2022,at 9:30 a.m.
Virtually Via Zoom**

Executive Board Members : Wayne Berman, Neal Brown, Jean Dinwiddie, David Engel, Morris Klein, Kendell Matthews, Edgar Rivas, Beverly Rollins, Barbara Selter, Mary Sweeney, Marsha Weber, T. Ryan Wilson

Staff: Shawn Brennan

Absent: Dr. Patrice L. McGhee

Welcome- Barbara Selter

- Roll Call
- Barbara shared that Katie Smith is ill and experiencing health problems. She suggested to send something to cheer her up. David volunteered to send flowers from the CoA.

AAA Report – Shawn Brennan

- American Rescue Plan Act funding nothing in writing to answer question 13. Still waiting for providers from MDOD.
- Home Care Community- Services Workforce Task force
 - The Co- chairs are Professor Dr. Monique Davis from Montgomery College and Cynthia Grisson from Workforce Montgomery, Bárbara Selter and Eddie Riva are also members.
 - The taskforce would invite others who are in the field to join the group.
 - The taskforce held a meeting on March 31st that went very well. It was decided that the group would split up into four subgroups:
Career Path- Including training, recruitment, mentorship, and internship – led by Monique Davis
Communication -led by Asha Hamilton
Wages & Benefits – led by Patrice McGhee
Partnerships & Working Conditions – to include technology and translation -led by Cynthia Grisson
 - Next meeting on Tuesday, April 26.
- Approval of March 2022 -one minor correction
 - The minutes were approved.
- Approval of April 2022 CoA Agenda
 - The April 2022 agenda was approved.
- Report from the Public forum Working Group Committee- Jean and Marsha
 - Thus far 230-239 people have registered for the event
 - The event will be hybrid and a link will be sent to folk via Eventbrite
 - Reminder for commissioners to volunteer and sign -up for duties

- The committee will meet with the speakers and panelist on April 22.
- Shawn shared that the County Executive will tape his speech next week.
- Status of Community for a Lifetime Award Program-Wayne and Eddie
 - They had three nominations Grows, Senior Nutrition Program and Marcia Pruzan, Senior Fellow.
 - The evaluation committee selected the Senior Nutrition Program and Marcia Pruzan, Senior Fellow for the Community for a Lifetime Award.
 - Barbara will send congratulations announcements from CoA to the awardees
 - Shawn will prepare the certificates and congratulation letters on Montgomery County letterhead for Barbara and Doctor McGhee to sign.
- Board members recruitment, reappointment letter reminder
 - Seven commissioners are up for reappointment Arunima, Barbara, Mary, Arthur, Wayne, Jean, and Beverly. Shawn is working with Arthur on his letter. Reappointment letter should be submitted by April 29,2022.
 - Those whose second term is expiring are Neal, Hillery, and Nanine.
 - Board members recruitment was change to CoA Selection Committee and Marsha volunteered to be on the committee additional members are needed.
- Reports on County Council visits
 - Council member Gabe Albormoz- David, Barbara, Morris
In support of the following CoA budget priorities , Access HEARS, Communications. Would like CoA to do Access HEARS presentation to the County Council
 - Council member Craig Rice-Marsh, Neal
In support of the following CoA budget priorities Access HEARS, Communications and In-Home Care
 - Council member Andrew Friedson- David, Joyce, Virginia
In support of the following CoA budget priorities Access HEARS, communication suggested putting 50+ in newspapers, housing but concerns about universal design. He is new to the job
 - Council member Evan Glass- Barbara, Betsy
In support of the following CoA budget priorities, very supportive of Design for Life, affordable housing and Access HEARS,
- Administrative changes from Shawn
 - The Maryland Open Meeting requires that agendas and meeting minutes of public meetings be posted for five years, which also includes recorded minutes.
 - Montgomery County has over 60 Boards and Commissions
 - County Staff should be the ones to download the documents
 - Mo Co has few staff members that are familiar with coding.

- Groups that use personal Zoom accounts will be allowed to the end of 2022. In 2023 A+D will setup new accounts for Boards and Commissions.
- July budget meeting-when do we want to have this-4th Thursday?
 - Motion passed to have the meeting on July 28, 2022 the 4th Thursday.
 - Budget Meeting Process, the committees will put together a list of issues and preliminary priorities and send to the Public Policy Committee
 - Public Policy will compile list and submit to CoA member for a vote.
 - During the Budget meeting committee chairs will speak for five minutes
 - The entire committee will vote on each budget priority.
 - Unclear about commissioners who are not a member of a committee.
 - Motion: Budget Meeting Process (1)Co-Chairs prepare a list of no more than five priorities for the budget meeting.(2) Co-Chairs present for five minutes (3) Barbara and Shawn will create the poll. (4) Commissioners will vote on budget priorities in August. Motion passed
- Senior summit- what actions do we want to take to advocate for this
 - No discussion due to lack of time. To be included in next month's EC agenda
- Approvals to ratify email votes
 - Eddie suggested to place Consent Statement to ratify agenda, minutes, and letters at the beginning of the meeting.
 - Sandy Spring Village/ Design for Life Letter
 - Age Friendly – CoA Fact Sheet
 - Motion passed to approve the letter and fact sheet.
- **New Business**
 - 50+ program had a private contractor to do a public announcement about Home Modifications. Should CoA give him permission?
 - Shawn's recommendation take the announcement down and to turn this over to the county's General Counselor and Information office.
- **Action items**
 - David volunteered to send flowers to Katie from the CoA.
 - Reminder for commissioners to volunteer and sign -up for duties at the Public Forum
 - Barbara will send Community for a Lifetime Award congratulations announcements from CoA to the awardees
 - Shawn will prepare Community for a Lifetime Award Community certificates and congratulation letters on Montgomery County letterhead for Barbara and Doctor McGee to sign.
 - Attention: Commissioner Reappointment letter should be submitted by April 29,2022.
- **Adjourn** : 11:24 am motion passed